

Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Title: MEMORY DEVICE WITH A FLEXIBLE REDUCED DENSITY OPTION**REMARKS**

This is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed May 2, 2006. In that Office Action, the Examiner objected to claim 1 due to minor informalities found at line 8 wherein the phrase "and or" causes ambiguity. Further, claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Keeth et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,807,114 ("Keeth"). Claims 8, 9, 11-15, and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Keeth and Cowles et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,556,497 ("Cowles").

The Examiner's indication that claims 10, 16, and 18 are allowed, and that claims 2-7 (although objected to) would be allowable if re-written, is noted with appreciation.

With this Response, claims 2, 8, and 14 have been cancelled and claims 1, 3-7, 9, 11-13, 15, and 17 have been amended. Claims 1, 3-7, 9-13, and 15-18 remain pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

Claim Objections

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claim 1 because the claim includes the phrase "and or". With this Response, claim 1 has been amended such that the phrase "and or" has been replaced by the phrase "and for", to correct a typographical error. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the objection to claim 1 be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

On page 6 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 10, 16, and 18 are allowed and that claims 2-7 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim (independent claim 1), but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

With this Response, independent claim 1 has been amended such that claim 1 additionally includes all of the limitations of claim 2. Thus, it is now believed that independent claim 1 is allowable over the cited prior art of record. Further, dependent claims 3-7 have been amended such that they now depend from independent claim 1 rather than claim 2, while claim 2

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has been cancelled. In addition, independent claim 8 has been cancelled, while dependent claims 9 and 11-13 have been amended such that they now depend from independent claim 10, previously indicated as allowed. Further, independent claim 14 has been cancelled, while dependent claims 15 and 17 have been amended to depend from independent claim 16, previously indicated as allowed.

Therefore, it is Applicant's belief that independent pending claims 1, 10, 16, and 18 are in allowable form and patentably distinguishable over the cited prior art, as well as all depending claims.

35 U.S.C. §§102, 103 Rejections

On pages 2-5, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 8, 9, 11-15, and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §§102(e) and 103(a). As previously discussed, claim 1 has been amended to additionally include all of the limitations of claim 2, which the Examiner indicated would be allowable. In addition, claims 8 and 14 have been cancelled. Further, claims 9 and 11-13 have been amended to depend from claim 10, previously indicated as being allowable, and claims 15 and 17 have been amended to depend from claim 16, previously indicated as being allowable. Therefore, it is Applicant's belief that the rejections of claims 1, 8, 9, 11-15, and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) and §103(a) is now moot. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of claims 1, 3-7, 9-13, and 15-18.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1, 3-7, 9-13, and 15-18 are in form for allowance and are not taught or suggested by the cited references. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections and rejections and allowance of claims 1, 3-7, 9-13, and 15-18 is respectfully requested.

No fees are required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)(c). However, if such fees are required, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0471.

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